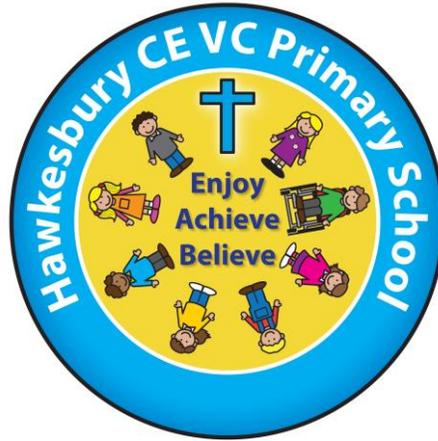


# Time 4 Reading



## A Reading award scheme

Read for 20 minutes 5 times a week.

As we all know, reading is an essential part of every child's education and is an activity that adds immense value to our everyday lives.

Children have different attitudes to reading: there are some who thoroughly enjoy it; some who are able to read but are reluctant to do so and there are some who are yet to acquire the skills to read.

Aware of the importance of developing every child's reading at Hawkesbury Primary School, we have developed this reward system as part of South Gloucestershire's 'Time 4 Reading' campaign.

The idea is simple: Each child to read at home for 20 minutes five times a week.

## HOW IT WORKS

### READING RECORDS AND CLASS WALL CHARTS

Each child has a reading record. Once you have listened to your child read, make a comment and sign the record. Every time there is a signature in the reading record children can colour in a square on the wall chart in their class.

### AWARDS

Children will receive recognition as their chart is coloured in. Rewards are given out at different mile stones. Awards range from house points, stickers, prizes and certificates. Time 4 reading certificates will be handed out at school celebration services.

### TOP TIPS

The reality of reading 5 times a week may be more challenging. We are aware that many children are not attracted to reading and will be reluctant to take part in this scheme.

For this reason, we have drawn up a list of top tips that you may find useful to develop your child's reading.

#### **1) MAKE READING PART OF THE DAILY ROUTINE**

We recommend small chunks of reading time (20 minutes) carried out on a regular basis as part of a daily routine (e.g. bedtime, straight after tea etc).

#### **2) SHARE THE READING**

Many parents believe that they no longer need to read to their children once they have started to read on their own. Experts encourage adults to read to children at home throughout their primary education. Children's Laureate, Jacqueline Wilson, states that "Reading aloud is the best way to get your children hooked on books for life."

There are many reasons why your child will benefit from listening to you read. They include:

- Increasing their vocabulary
- Hearing stories that they would not be able to read themselves

- Understanding how a fluent reader can read
- Developing better writing skills
- Improving their listening skills
- Gaining an understanding of others through stories

### **3) MAKE IT FUN!**

To many, this might sound a bit like Mission Impossible! If you select the right literature, it can be a lot more enjoyable than it might first appear. Find reading materials that appeal to your child's interests. Not every child wants to read about the exploits of Harry Potter, so be careful what you select.

### **4) FIND APPROPRIATE MATERIALS TO READ**

"Reading materials" need not necessarily be books. Magazines, comics, leaflets, newspapers, teletext and the internet are just some of the alternatives that might have regular reading opportunities about things that interest your child.

- The Bookery has a range of non-fiction books which children will be able to borrow from
- Each class has a bookshelf with a range of fiction books from which children can borrow from.
- Yate and local library services are also available.
- The mobile library comes to Hawkesbury Upton on alternate Mondays, straight after school on the Village Hall car park.

### **5) REVISIT OLD FAVOURITES**

If your child loved reading a particular book, let them read it again. They are clearly reading for pleasure! Make sure, however, that you give your children opportunities to read new material as well.